

REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 3, 2004 (Paper No. 9). Claims 1 to 16 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter. Claims 17 to 21 are being added, of which Claims 17 and 20 to 21 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, with regard to a formal matter, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to return an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 submitted with the May 10, 2001 to indicate as part of the formal record that the art cited therein has been considered.

New Claims 17 to 21 manage software battery information for a client terminal via a network by: 1) creating a first key for management of a session in response to a request from the client terminal, 2) transmitting the created first key to the client terminal, 3) receiving the first key, a second key, and remaining battery amount information from the client terminal, 4) judging if the first key and the second key match, 5) issuing battery addition information for the client terminal in response to the judged result, 6) receiving battery charge confirmation information from the client terminal, and 7) creating log information based on the battery charge confirmation information.

The Applicant submits Claims 17 to 21 are allowable over the applied art, namely Kanno, since it is believed that the art fails to show the above-identified features, particularly as regards creation of a first key in response to a request from a client terminal, transmitting the first key to the client terminal, and receiving the first key, a second key and battery information from the client terminal. In addition, the applied art is not seen to show

judging whether the first and second keys match and issuing battery addition information based on the outcome of the judgment.

Kanno is seen to describe a software charge process which requires a serial number pre-stored on a charge disk (see Figure 2 of Kanno) or a software distribution disk. With respect to the former, reference is respectfully made to Figures 8 and 9, and the description commencing at col. 9, line 50. A request for a software battery charge for managed software stored on software distribution disk 18 requires that a serial number be retrieved from charge disk 22 to validate the charge disk 22. In the latter alternative, reference is made to Figure 10, and the description commencing at col. 10, line 43, of Kanno, wherein it is described that a communication line is used to communicate with a host machine. More particularly, a battery charge request, which includes a serial number retrieved from distribution disk 18, is sent to host machine 62 from user machine 10.

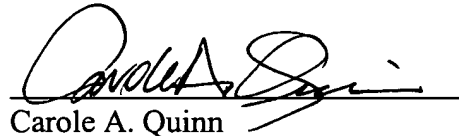
Thus, Kanno is seen to require a serial number pre-stored on a charge disk (see Figure 2 of Kanno) or a software distribution disk to charge a software battery. In contrast, the present invention creates a first key in response to a request from a client terminal, transmits the first key to the client terminal, receives the first key, a second key and battery information from the client terminal, judges whether the first and second keys match and issues battery addition information based on the outcome of the judgment.

No other matters being raised by the Office Action, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited at the Examiner earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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